

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-22-02

Issued at Soldotna: July 23, 2002

Effective Date 11:01 p.m. July 23, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. July 31, 2002,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency  
order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the time that salmon may be harvested in the personal use fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River. Effective at 11:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 23, sockeye salmon may be harvested by dip-netting, 24 hours per day.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (c)(1)(A), are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 77.540. UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(A) from July 23 through July 31, seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

Frank Rue  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark Gamblin  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan 5 AAC 77.540 (c)(1)(A) stipulates that the Department may extend, by emergency order, the personal use fishery to 24-hours per day if the department determines that the abundance of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon will be greater than two million fish. Based on information collected through July 22, the Department can reliably project that abundance of Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon will be greater than two million fish. Therefore, it is warranted to increase fishing time in the Kenai River personal use fishery.

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